

The Tragedie of Hamlet

Ham. Vppon my sword.

Mar. We haue sworne my Lord already.

Ham. Indeede vppon my sword, indeed.

Ghost cries vnder the Stage.

Ghost. Swear.

Ham. Ha, ha, boy, say'st thou so, art thou there trupenny?

Come on, you heare this fellowe in the Sellerige,

Consent to sweare.

Hra. Propose the oath my Lord.

Ham. Neuer to speake of this that you haue seene

Sweare by my sword.

Ghost. Swear.

Ham. Hic, & vbiq; then weele shift our ground:

Come hether Gentlemen

And lay your hands againe vpon my sword,

Sweare by my sword

Neuer to speake of this that you haue heard.

Ghost. Swear by his sword.

Ham. Well sayd olde Mole, can'st worke it h earth so fast,

A worthy Pioner, once more remooue good friends.

Hra. O day and night, but this is wondrous strange.

Ham. And therefore as a stranger giue it welcome,

There are more things in heauen and earth *Horatio*

Then are dream't of in your philosophie, but come

Heere as before, neuer so helpe you mercy,

(How strange or odde so mere I beare my selfe,

As I perchance heereafter shall thinke meet,

To put an Anticke disposition on

That you at such times seeing me, neuer shall

With armes incombred thus, or this head shake,

Or by pronouncing off some doubtfull phrased,

As well, well, we knowe, or we could and if we would,

Or if we list to speake, or there be and if they might,

Or such ambiguous giuing out, to note)

That you knowe ought of me, this doe sweare,

So grace and mercy at your most neede helpe you.

Ghost. Swear.

Ham. Rest, rest, perturbed spirit: so Gentlemen,

Withall my loue I doe commend me to you,

Prince of Denmarke.

And what so poore a man as Hamlet is,

May doe't expresse his loue and frending to you

God willing shall not lack, let vs goe in together,

And still your fingers on your lips I pray,

The time is out of ioynt, ô cursed spight

That euer I was borne to set it right:

Nay come, lets goe together.

Exeunt.

Enter old Polonius, with his man or two.

Pol. Giue him this money, and these notes Reynaldo.

Rey. I will my Lord.

Pol. You shall doe meruiles wisely good Reynaldo,

Before you visite him, to make inquire

Of his behauiour.

Rey. My Lord, I did intend it.

Pol. Mary well said, very well said; looke you sir,

Enquire me first what Danskers are in Parris,

And how, and who, what meanes, and where they keepe,

What companie, at what expence, and finding

By this encompasment, and drift of question

That they doe know my sonne, come you more neerer

Then your perticuler demaunds will tuch it,

Take you as t were some distant knowledge of him,

As thus, I know his father, and his friends,

And in part him, doe you marke this Reynaldo?

Rey. I, very well my Lord.

Pol. And in part him, but you may say, not well,

But y't be he I meane, hee's very wilde,

Adistred so and so, and there put on him

What forgeries you please, marry none so rancke

As may dishonour him, take heede of that,

But sir, such wanton, wild, and vsuall slips,

As are companions noted and most knowne

To youth and libertie.

Rey. As gaming my Lord.

Pol. I, or drinking, fencing, swearing,

Quarrelling, drabbing, you may goe so far.

Rey. My Lord, that would dishonour him.

Pol. Fayth as you may season it in the charge.

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